

Update on Review of Allegations of Racism and Misconduct

Statement from the Executive Committee of the Stop TB Partnership Board

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At the direction of the Executive Committee of the Board, the Stop TB Partnership released the following statement:

The Executive Committee would like to provide an update on the actions underway, in partnership with UNOPS, to review and address allegations of racism and misconduct within the Stop TB Partnership.

As noted in the September 18 statement, the Executive Committee initially expected to release the independent review report by the end of this week. However, we have decided to expand the process to include an additional review of allegations and investigations previously conducted, to be undertaken by UNOPS independent Ethics & Compliance Office. As a result, the public release of the independent review report, staff survey results, additional review findings, and recommendations from the Executive Committee on actions are now scheduled for November 17.

In the interim, the findings of the recent staff survey will be shared with Stop TB staff later this month, in advance of the public release. In coordination with the Executive Committee, UNOPS and the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat are also implementing enhanced diversity, equity and inclusion training for all Secretariat staff beginning in November.

We echo our earlier call from September 18 for people to share information or concerns regarding allegations of harassment or other misconduct via the UN channels detailed [here](#).

We welcome any information that can help the Stop TB Partnership live up to its values. UNOPS, which is responsible for administrative, human resource and management services for the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, will investigate all allegations. The Executive Committee is committed to working transparently and expeditiously with UNOPS to support the investigations.

Any form of racism or workplace misconduct is unacceptable and inconsistent with the values of the Stop TB Partnership. The Executive Committee is committed to working to eliminate racism and harassment in any form in the Stop TB Partnership and in the global TB response. Where any of us fall short in this, the fight against TB suffers.